

Resolution of Boston Redevelopment Authority Approving Disposition Agreement and Deed Respecting Parcel A-4 in the Waterfront Project

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WHEREAS, the Boston Redevelopment Authority is undertaking the Downtown Waterfront-Faneuil Hall Urban Renewal Project, Mass. R-77, pursuant to a contract for financial assistance under Title I of the Federal Housing Act of 1949, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Authority contemplates the disposition of certain land, designated Parcel A-4, within said Project area for nonprofit institutional use, viz. to the New England Aquarium Corporation, for development and use as an aquarium;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Boston Redevelopment Authority that the document entitled "Land Disposition Agreement by and between Boston Redevelopment Authority and New England Aquarium Corporation, Downtown Waterfront-Faneuil Hall Project Mass. R-77, Parcel A-4" (draft dated 8/13/65), which describes the aforementioned disposal, and the proposed deed of said Parcel A-4 (draft dated 8/2/65) are hereby determined to be satisfactory.

September 16, 1965

TO: Boston Redevelopment Authority  
FROM: Edward J. Logue, Development Administrator  
SUBJECT: DISPOSITION OF PARCEL A-4 IN WATERFRONT PROJECT TO  
NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM CORPORATION

A proposed disposition agreement and deed for Parcel A-4 (Central Wharf) in the Downtown Waterfront-Faneuil Hall Urban Renewal Area are herewith submitted to the Authority for approval.

The Land Disposition Agreement provides for a three-phase aquarium development program. The first phase, consisting of the aquarium building itself, will be under construction promptly after transfer of the land. The building plans were approved on August 19. It is expected that this construction will commence in October of this year.

The second phase, a suitably landscaped deck on the waterside of the building, will be under construction shortly after the start on the building, and will be completed simultaneously with the building. The detailed plans for this are in process.

The third phase, a plaza area on the inland side of the building, will be carried out upon the completion of the parking facilities called for in the Waterfront Plan, or upon the provision of alternate parking arrangements, in accordance with the October, 1964, letter of intent between NEAC and the Authority.

The Authority will undertake the following activities on the wharf: demolition and removal of existing pier decking and piles; repair of existing granite bulkhead; construction of a portion of a retaining wall and the placement of fill to raise the grades above a flooding level; and the provision of a public walkway around the perimeter of the wharf, along the edge of the bulkhead. Because it is expected that work on the aquarium will be under way shortly, it is proposed that the required site improvement work

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of the BRA be undertaken after the aquarium work has commenced, but on a schedule designed to assure completion of all work simultaneously.

I therefore recommend that the Authority adopt the attached resolution, which will permit me immediately to seek Federal approval of the Agreement.

Attachment

